GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4658
ANSWERED ON:18.04.2001
REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF POSTS
JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Ministries and Departments of the Government of India as on date;

(b) the number of employees employeed in those Ministries/Departments, as on date, category wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to reduce the number of employees belonging to Group `A`,`B`,;C` and `D` and mergethe Ministries and Departments having similar nature of work and functioning; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS & PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINIS` PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a): As on 28 February, 2001, there were 41 Ministries and 56 Departments in the Government of India. 56 Departments included 48 Departments which form part of 17 Ministries.

(b): As per the information available with the Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure), the Group-wise estimated strength of Central Government (civil) staff including the employees of Union Territories as on 1 March, 2000 is as under:

Group	Estimated Strength
`A`	77,680
`B`	1,74,675
`C`	23,87,625
`D`	11,36,686
Total	37,76,666

(c)&(d):Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure) has been issuing instructions from time to time to control creation of Plan and Non-Plan posts and thereby to reduce the expenditure on establishment. In August, 1999, instructions were issued by that Ministry to all the Ministries/Departments, inter alia, to undertake a review of all the posts which were lying vacant in the Ministries/Departments and in their Attached and Subordinate Offices, etc. in consultation with the Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure).These instructions envisage that till the review is completed, no vacant posts will be filled up except with the approval of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure). Further, such Ministries/Departments as had not fully implemented the Government`s decision to achieve 10% reduction in the number of posts (as on 1.1.1992) were asked to implement that decision immediately. According to the information available with the Ministry of Finance, approximately 1.83 lakh posts, pertaining to different Groups, have been abolished in various Ministries/Departments as a result of this exercise. In the recent past, three Departments, namely, Department of Industrial Development, Department of Sugar and Edible Oils, and the Department of Supply have been abolished/merged. In addition, the Departments of Telecom Services and Telecom Operations have been corporatised with effect from 1 October, 2000.